WHEREAS, During this Bicentennial celebration of the United States we recognize that trees and forests have played a significant role in our nation's history and development; and,

WHEREAS, Tree planting is truly an investment in the future--the future of our people, and the future of our State and Nation, it seems appropriate that we reflect on its significance; and,

WHEREAS, South Dakota derives many benefits from its trees; shade and beauty for our homes and communities; cover for our wildlife; protection of our soils and farmsteads; and a multitude of forest and wood products:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 23rd through April 30th, 1976, as

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in South Dakota, and do hereby encourage all South Dakotans, especially our youth, to participate in the celebration of ARBOR DAY on Friday, April 30, 1976.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 23rd day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Six

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Lorna B. Herseth

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE